

A Prayer for Israel's Soldiers and Captives

מִי שֶׁבֵּרַךְ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ אֲבֹרָהִם יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב, וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ שָׂרָה רִבְקָה רָחֵל וְלֵאָה,
הוּא יְבָרֵךְ אֶת מְדִינַת יִשְׂרָאֵל וְיַפְרֹשׁ שְׁלוֹם עָלֶיהָ. וְהַקְדּוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא יְבָרֵךְ
אֶת חֲיָלֶי וְחַיִּלוֹת צָבָא הַהִגָּנָה לְיִשְׂרָאֵל. יִתֵּן יי אֶת אוֹיְבֵינוּ הַקָּמִים עָלֵינוּ
נִגְפִים לַפְּנִיָּהֶם, וְיִקְרֶה בָּהֶם מִקְרָא שְׁכָתוֹב: "כִּי ה' אֱלֹהֵיכֶם הֵהָלֵךְ עִמָּכֶם
לְהִלָּחֵם לָכֶם עִם אֹיְבֵיכֶם לְהוֹשִׁיעַ אֶתְכֶּם."

יִשְׁמֹר וְיִנְצֹר ה' אֶת כָּל הַשְּׁבוּיִים. יִמְלֹא רְבוּנוֹ שֶׁל עוֹלָם רַחֲמִים עָלֵיהֶם,
וְיוֹצִיאֵם מִחוּשָׁךְ וְצִלְמוֹת לְאוֹר. וּמוֹסְרוֹתֵיהֶם יִנְתֵּקוּ, וּמִמְצוּקוֹתֵיהֶם יוֹשִׁיעֵם,
וְיָשִׁיבֵם מִהֲרָה לְחֵיק מִשְׁפְּחוֹתֵיהֶם. וְיִקְרֶה בָּהֶם מִקְרָא שְׁכָתוֹב: "וּפְדוּיֵי ה'
יִשׁוּבוּן וּבָאוּ צִיּוֹן בְּרִנָּה, וְשִׁמְחַת עוֹלָם עַל רֹאשָׁם. שִׁשּׁוֹן וְשִׁמְחָה יִשְׁיִגוּ, וְנָסוּ
יִגּוֹן וְאַנְחָה." וְנִתְּתָה, ה', שְׁלוֹם בְּאֶרֶץ וְשִׁמְחַת עוֹלָם לְכָל יוֹשְׁבֶיהָ. וְנֹאמַר אֲמֵן.

May the One who blessed our fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and our mothers, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah, bless the State of Israel, and spread peace over her. And, may the Holy One bless the soldiers of the Israel Defense Forces. May God make it that our enemies who rise against us be struck down before our soldiers. And through them let the verse be fulfilled: "For it is Adonai, your God, that walks with you to fight for you against your enemies to save you."

And may Adonai protect and guard all of the captives. May the Master of the Universe have compassion upon them and remove them from darkness and the shadow of death unto light, and break their bonds, and deliver them from their distress, and return them quickly to the embrace of their families. Through them let the verse be fulfilled: "Those redeemed by the Lord will return; they will enter Zion with singing, and everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away." And may You, Adonai, bring peace to the land, and everlasting joy to all its inhabitants. And we say Amen.